

What is claimed is:

1. A feedback component, comprising:
  - means adapted to receive a status message from a spooler;
  - 5 means adapted to receive a signal from an image output system, the image output system communicatively coupled to the spooler;
  - means adapted to send a job state message to a network client in communication with the spooler, wherein the job state is at least one of the group consisting of the status message and the signal; and
  - 10 means adapted to translate the job state message to a format compatible with the network client.
2. The feedback component of claim 1 further comprising means adapted to register with the spooler's application programming interface.
- 15 3. The feedback component of claim 1 wherein the status message is a text message.
4. The feedback component of claim 1 further comprising means adapted to  
20 determine a native language for the network client.
5. The feedback component of claim 1 further comprising means adapted to customize the job state message.
- 25 6. The feedback component of claim 1 further comprising means adapted to filter the job status message so that only a selected job status message is sent to the network client.

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7. The feedback component of claim 1 further comprising means adapted to delay sending the job status message for a first time period.

5 8. The feedback component of claim 7 further comprising means adapted to delay sending the job status message when a second job status message is received before the first time period expires.

9. The feedback component of claim 8 wherein the means adapted to delay  
10 sending the job status message when a second job status message is received delays a second time period.

10. The feedback component of claim 8 wherein the feedback component sends only the most recent status message when the second time period expires.

15 11. The feedback component of claim 1 wherein the feedback component comprises computer readable instructions stored on a computer readable medium.

12. A feedback component, comprising:  
20 means adapted to register with a spooler's application programming interface;  
means adapted to receive a status message from a spooler;  
means adapted to receive a signal from an image output system, the image  
output system communicatively coupled to the spooler;  
means adapted to determine a native language for a network client  
25 means adapted to send a job state message to the network client in  
communication with the spooler, wherein the job state is at least one of the group consisting of

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the status message and the signal;

means adapted to translate the job state message to a format compatible with the network client;

means adapted to filter the job status message so that only a selected job status message is sent to the network client;

means adapted to delay sending the job status message for a first time period; and

means adapted to delay sending the job status message when a second job status message is received before the first time period expires, wherein the means adapted to delay sending the job status message when a second job status message is received delays a second time period, and sends only the most recent status message when the second time period expires.

13. A method for providing continuous feedback from a printing system, comprising the steps of:

- monitoring the printing system;
- receiving a status update;
- converting the status update to a format compatible with a network client; and
- sending the status update to the client.

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14. The method of claim 13 further comprising registering with the printing system.

15. The method of claim 13 wherein the converting step converts the status update to plain text.

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16. The method of claim 13 wherein the converting step converts the status update to a foreign language.

17. The method of claim 13 further comprising waiting a first predetermined time  
5 period before sending the status update.

18. The method of claim 17 further comprising waiting a second predetermined time period when a second status update is received before the first predetermined time period expires.

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19. The method of claim 18 wherein the status update sent to the client is the second status update.

20. The method of claim 13 further comprising  
15 receiving at least one additional status update before a first predetermined time period expires; and  
waiting until a second predetermined time period expires;  
wherein the sending step sends only the most recent status update to the network client after the second predetermined time period expires.

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21. A method for providing continuous feedback from a printing system, comprising the steps of:

registering with a spooler's application programming interface;  
receiving a status message from a spooler;  
25 receiving a signal from an image output system, the image output system communicatively coupled to the spooler;

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determining a native language for a network client  
sending a job state message to the network client in communication with the  
spooler, wherein the job state is at least one of the group consisting of the status message and  
the signal;

5 translating the job state message to a format compatible with the network  
client;

filtering the job status message so that only a selected job status message is sent  
to the network client;

delaying sending the job status message for a first time period; and

10 delaying sending the job status message when a second job status message is  
received before the first time period expires, wherein the means adapted to delay sending the  
job status message when a second job status message is received delays a second time period,  
and sends only the most recent status message when the second time period expires.

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